



Alaska Interagency  
Coordination Center



# Morning Highlights

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## Wildland Fire Update

One new fire was reported to the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center Tuesday. The Quartz Street Fire occurred in the Delta Area and was a permitted burn. Due to high winds, Delta Area Forestry assisted landowner in extinguishing the .1 acre fire.

As of 9 am Wednesday, the Alaska Interagency Coordination Center had tallied 432 fires and 1,287,991.6 acres burned this year. 11 fires are staffed and 67 fires are active across Alaska. At this time last year, 324 fires had burned 79,318.3 acres.

High winds, low humidities and dry fuel and duff layers caused a number of fires to increase significantly in size yesterday. The Wood River 1 Fire about 27 miles south of Fairbanks quadrupled in size to 16,000 acres. The Eagle Creek 2 fire increased nearly 7,000 acres to 9,020 acres. The Little Black One Fire increased 32,000 acres to 170,000 acres. The Minto Flats South Fire near Nenana increased 59,000 acres to 242,727 acres and the Lunch Lake Fire increased almost 2,000 acres to 8,339 acres.

Some areas such as the Broken Snowshoe Fire (25,345 acres) near McGrath and the Zitziana Fire (89,426 acres) west of Nenana are re-burning or have become significantly more active and are being staffed with firefighters again to protect structures in the area.

For updated information about the Railbelt Complex fires which includes the Minto Flats South Fire, Lunch Lake Fire and the June Creek Fire, call the Fire Information Office in Nenana at 907-832-1836. The Type 2 Incident Management Team (IMT) is scheduled to transfer management of the Railbelt Complex to a Type 3 IMT on Thursday. Many members of the Type 2 IMT will also be part of the Type 3 IMT to maintain continuity. Additional information about the fire is being posted at: [www.inciweb.org](http://www.inciweb.org).

For updated information about the Shanta Creek fire, contact the Kenai Refuge at 907-262-7021 or the Alaska Division of Forestry at 907-260-4262. Operational control of the fire Transitioned to a Type 3 organization at 8 am today. Fire information is posted at [www.inciweb.org](http://www.inciweb.org) and <http://kenai.fws.gov>. Email can be addressed to [r7shanta@fws.gov](mailto:r7shanta@fws.gov).

For updated information about the Chakina Fire, call the Fire Information Office at 907-529-0511 or send email to: [ChakinaFireInfo@gmail.com](mailto:ChakinaFireInfo@gmail.com). Fire information is also posted at [www.nps.gov/wrst/parkmgmt/firemanagement.htm](http://www.nps.gov/wrst/parkmgmt/firemanagement.htm)

News releases and additional information about these fires are posted under Current News at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov>

**Red Flag Warnings** are in effect until midnight for strong winds in the Middle Tanana Valley, Deltana and Tanana Flats, and the Northeastern slopes of the Eastern Alaska Range. Specific information about the Red Flag Warnings and weather can be found at: <http://afshome/predsvcs/weather.php>

### Staffed Fires

Fire Name	Approx. Location	Acres Burned	Fire Personnel
<b><i>Railbelt Complex</i></b>			Alaska Type 2 Incident Mgt. Team
			Boise Hotshots
			Bonneville Hotshots
			Idaho City Hotshots
			Pilot Station
			Sawtooth Hotshots
<b>Fires in Complex</b>			261 personnel in Complex
Minto Flats South	12 mi west of Nenana	242,727 acres	
Lunch Lake	20 mi. NW of Nenana	8,339 acres	
June Creek	21 miles NW of Healy	164 acres	
<b>Other Fires</b>			
Rock Slough	50 mi. NE of Ft. Yukon	23,900 acres	98 personnel
			Beaver/Stevens Village Type 2 crew
			Allakaket #2 Type 2 crew
			North Star Type 2 crew
			Minto #1 Type 2 crew
Little Black One	18 mi. NE of Circle	170,000 acres	75 personnel
			Fort Yukon #3 Type 2 crew
			Venetie #2 Type 2 crew
			Midnight Sun Hotshots
Muskeg Creek		43.5 acres	30 personnel
			Yukon Type 2 crew

Fire Name	Approx. Location	Acres Burned	Fire Personnel
Eagle Creek 2	29 mi. E of Bettles	9, 020.3 acres	4 personnel
Willow Mountain	10 mi.S of Copper Center	9 acres	24 personnel
			Chena Hotshots (demob planned for 7/22)
Zitziana	53 mi. W of Anderson	89,426.3 acres	14 personnel
Chakina	13 mi. S of McCarthy	32,000 acres	108 personnel
			Augusta Hotshots
			Pioneer Peak Hotshots
Shanta Creek	Off Funny River Road	13,221 acres	110 personnel ordered
	Kenai		Type 3 IMT
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			Denali Type 21A
Wood River 1	27 mi. S of Fairbanks	16,000 acres	3 personnel
Broken Snowshoe	3 mi. N of McGrath	25,345 acres	4 personnel

Air Quality information for the Fairbanks North Star Borough is posted at: <http://co.fairbanks.ak.us/airquality/>. For July 22 at 11 am, the air quality was reported as good.

To learn about protecting yourself from smoke, visit:  
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>

For daily fire information, please visit:  
<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf> and for a map of fire locations, click on "Fire Information" at <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>

### Additional References

- Alaska Interagency Coordination Center: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/>
  - Map of Current Fires: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/predsvcs/maps.php>
  - Situation Report: <http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/aicc/sitreport/current.pdf>
  - National Fire Situation: <http://www.nifc.gov/nicc/sitreprt.pdf>
  - Guide to Wildland Fire Suppression in AK:  
<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/content/news/psa/Media%20Guide%20to%20AK%20Wildland%20Fire%20Suppression.pdf>
- Alaska Wildland Fire Coordinating Group- Education and Reference Materials:  
<http://fire.ak.blm.gov/administration/awfcg.php>
- Creating Defensible Space: <http://firewise.org/> and  
<http://forestry.alaska.gov/pdfs/06Firewise.pdf>

- Department of Transportation (Road Closure Info):  
(907) 451-2240, <http://511.alaska.gov/>  
Alaska Division of Forestry (Burn Permit Info): <http://forestry.alaska.gov/burn/>
- Department of Environmental Conservation (Smoke Concerns):  
<http://www.dec.state.ak.us/air/am/smoke.htm>
- National Parks Service: <http://www.nps.gov/akso/Fire/firehome.htm>
- National Weather Service: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/>
- U.S. Fish and Wildlife: <http://www.fws.gov/fire/>
- USDA Forest Service: <http://www.fs.fed.us/fire/>
- Anchorage Fire Department: [www.muni.org/fire](http://www.muni.org/fire)
- Temporary Flight Restriction Information: <http://airspace.nifc.gov/mapping/nifc/>
- Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov/>

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